

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application.

Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121

Claims 1-39 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The Examiner states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121: Group I – Claims 1-22 and 27-39; or, Group II – Claims 23-26. Applicants provisionally elect, without prejudice, examination of Group I. Please withdraw claims 23-26, from further consideration.

Species Election under 35 U.S.C. §121

Claims 1-22 and 27-39 are subject to a species election under 35 U.S.C. §121. Claims 23-26, 32 or 33 have not been subjected to the species election requirement. The Examiner states that election of one of the following species is required: Species I – Claims 1-22; Species II – Claims 27-29; Species III – Claim 30; Species IV – Claim 31-33; or Species V – Claims 34-39. Applicants provisionally elect, without prejudice, examination of Species I – Claims 1-22.

Newly Added Claims

Applicants respectfully request entry and examination of new Claims 40 and 41. It is believed that new claims 40 and 41 are claims with the claims of Group I is respectfully requested, generic claims, and examination of these.

Accordingly, all of the remaining claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-22 and 27-41, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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